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Transportation Update

May 2005

Work to Begin on Int'l/Telegraph Corridor Rapid Bus

At its May meeting, the CMA awarded a contract to purchase cabinets and controller assemblies that will be necessary for the operation of the Int'l/Telegraph rapid bus service. On-street construction is expected to start this summer and will be completed by June 2006. This \$15 million project is funded through Measure B, the Alameda County sales tax for transportation, Regional Measure 2, TFCA and federal funds.

Governor Announces His Intention to Fully Fund Proposition 42

The Governor is proposing to fully fund Proposition 42 at \$1.3 billion. Proposition 42 revenues are derived from the sales tax on gasoline. The \$1.3 billion would be allocated pursuant to the statutory formula that splits the revenue as follows:

- \$678 million is allocated to Traffic Congestion Relief Program project,
- \$254 million to STIP projects,
- \$254 million is split between cities and counties for local street and road maintenance (Alameda County will receive approximately \$4.2 million and each city will receive approximately \$4.38 per capita), and
- \$127 million to the Public Transportation Account (PTA) where half is deposited into the State Transit Assistance account.

While this is good news, over \$5 billion has been diverted from transportation in recent years. This \$1.3 billion only partially fills the hole. Furthermore, this proposal could be changed as part of the budget negotiations.

CMA Adopts Recommendations of Transit Oriented Development Workshop

In late March the CMA held a workshop on transit oriented development. A series of recommendations resulted from the workshop and subsequent discussion by the TOD task force. At its May meeting, the CMA adopted the recommendations that include such things as a resource guide, developing funding for technical assistance, and a comprehensive monitoring program. A full list of the recommendations is available on the CMA's web site.

CMA to Begin Update of its Countywide Bicycle Plan

The CMA will begin the update of its Countywide Bicycle Plan in July. This update is funded through a combination of Measure B and TDA Article 3. The Plan was first adopted in 2001. The update will be completed later this year.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program Evaluation Available

At its May meeting, the CMA accepted the 2005 evaluation of the Guaranteed Ride Home program. This program, which started in 1998, offers transit riders and carpoolers a taxi voucher should they unexpectedly be required to stay at work beyond transit operating hours or need to get home for a family matter. The program is intended to overcome a barrier to ridesharing and transit use. The program is being funded through the Transportation Fund for Clean Air administered by the CMA and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

MTC Presents Results of its Regional Goods Movement Study

MTC staff presented its goods movement study to the CMA at the May meeting. Several corridors in Alameda County are key Bay Area goods movement routes that will need attention. MTC's presentation is available on the CMA's web site.

At Risk Reports Available for State Funded Projects

The Quarterly At Risk report for projects programmed with State funds is available at the CMA offices or on the CMA's web site. This report indicates which projects need attention in order to meet deadlines.

Legislation

SB 275 (Torlakson) – This bill would require the California Transportation Commission to submit a 10-year transportation needs assessment by October 2006. This assessment would include unfunded rehabilitation and operations costs, unfunded congestion relief needs, and recommendations as to how state and local transportation agencies might address the identified shortfalls. The CMA supports SB 275.

SB 1020 (Migden) -- This bill would provide the option of increasing funding for transit service by allowing a countywide vote to double the existing one-quarter percent sales tax now collected. The additional one-quarter percent would not be subject to the 1.5 percent cap on local option sales taxes. A two-thirds majority vote would be required for passage. The CMA supports SB 1020.

AB 850 (Canciamilla) – This bill would authorize Caltrans to enter into development franchise agreements with public and/or private entities for the construction and lease of various types of toll lanes, including HOT lanes. The bill protects the CMA's current HOT lane authority and requires surplus revenues to be used on projects in the toll corridor. The CMA supports AB 850 but is seeking

amendments to require a county transportation agency co-sponsor for any toll facility and to require consistency with the congestion management program and the regional transportation plan.

Deadlines to Note

2006 State Transportation Improvement Program

*Updated Information Sheets
for Existing STIP Projects*

July 1, 2005

Congestion Management Program – 2005 Update

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Final*

*June 2005
September 2005*

Upcoming Meetings

June	3	Tri Valley Triangle Analysis Policy Advisory Committee
	7	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	13	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	13	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	16	San Pablo Ave Policy Advisory Committee
	23	CMA Board Meeting
July	1	Tri Valley Triangle Analysis Policy Advisory Committee
	5	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	11	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	11	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	13/14	CTC (San Diego)
	28	CMA Board Meeting

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